

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### TRIBUTE TO ALEXANDER MAZAK

#### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 29, 2022*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month I had the pleasure of attending Alexander Mazak's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Alex started his scouting career 10 years ago as a Tiger Cub Scout and worked his way all the way up to the rank of Eagle Scout. For his Eagle Scout project, which he named the "Remembrance Tree Project," he planted 40 trees at Reed's Organic Farm and Animal Rescue in Egg Harbor Township, South Jersey. Alex also built benches for the farm. In his free time, Alex plays the violin, has a black belt in karate, participates in CrossFit, and is working towards getting Scuba Diving certified. Alex should be proud of his many achievements, and it was my pleasure to attend his Eagle Scout ceremony. God Bless Alex, and God Bless our America.

### RECOGNIZING AMERICAN LEGION POST 79 ON ITS 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 29, 2022*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an incredible Veterans Service Organization within my district on the centennial of its founding. The New Hope, Pennsylvania American Legion Post 79 will celebrate 100 years of service in 2023. The post is named after Private 2nd Class Edgar Denson who served in the 79th Infantry Division in the Great War. Private Denson was killed in the Meuse Argonne Offensive of 1918 and American Legion Post 79 has continued to honor his sacrifice and service through the years.

Since its founding in 1923, Post 79 has been a pillar in the community. Its members have served in every major United States conflict as well as taking part in numerous humanitarian and peace operations. Post 79 supports our community's Veterans through a myriad of programs and efforts. These include support for Wounded Warrior events, participation in the local County Veterans Court, sponsoring entertainment at the local county playhouse, and much more. The Post also helps to develop our youth by sponsoring Little League teams, scholarships at the high school level, and helping local Scouting programs. Additionally, American Legion Post 79 sends care packages to our community's forward deployed troops to remind them of our appreciation for their sacrifice.

I believe it is fitting that such an accomplished and storied organization makes its home just a few miles from the spot that Gen-

eral Washington crossed the Delaware River. The legacy of American Legion Post 79 carries on the patriotic spirit instilled into our country that fateful Christmas Eve, 1776. I am extremely grateful for the example and the impact that Post 79 has had on our community for the past century, and I look forward to the amazing achievements to come in the next 100 years.

### COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF MAE MOODY

#### HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 29, 2022*

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Mae Moody, a leader and pinnacle of the Knox County community, who passed away on October 17, 2022, at age 83.

Mae loved her community and dedicated much of her life to trying to make it better every day. She cared deeply about supporting leaders who would help East Tennessee thrive. Most often, she voted as a Republican, but she was more focused on supporting the best candidate no matter what. For her, each election was not a partisan issue, but a community issue.

Many community leaders honored Mae's life and passing. They talked about her compassion, integrity, honesty, and community advocacy which was apparent to everyone who knew her. She was described as a "community champion," a "neighborhood advocate," and a "virtuous leader."

Mae was incredibly dedicated to supporting our law enforcement and community safety. She taught thousands of children how to properly use 911 and served as a community organizer for the Knoxville Police Department. Mae also completed the Citizen Academies of the FBI, District Attorney, Knox County Sheriffs Office, Tennessee Highway Patrol, and Fire Department to gain a better insight into how our law enforcement operates and how she could help them.

I want to extend my condolences to her husband Jack, her children Susan, Terry, and Chuck, her sister Carol, as well as her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Rest in peace Mae and I thank her for everything she has done for our community.

### TRIBUTE TO DON WILLIAMS

#### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 29, 2022*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, today, I would like to honor the lifelong achievements of my friend, Don Williams. Don was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and began his broadcasting career in the early 1980s. Ever

since then, his radio show has received top ratings from listeners across South Jersey. Over the years, Don has become a friend of mine and I enjoy frequently joining him on his radio show. In addition to being a popular radio host, Don has an abundance of other noteworthy career highlights. These highlights include broadcasting an announcement with Paul Harvey, interviewing Steve Wynn and James Kalstrom, meeting Rush Limbaugh, being inducted into the New Jersey Broadcasters Hall of Fame, becoming a member of the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation, and interviewing several Medal of Honor recipients. Don currently lives in Brigantine, South Jersey with his wife and two dogs. His radio show continues to play every Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. Don should be proud of his broadcasting achievements and his contributions to the South Jersey community, and it is my pleasure to call him a friend of mine. God Bless Don, and God Bless our United States of America.

### IN APPRECIATION OF LIEUTENANT COMMANDER MARLEY CASSELS FOR HER SERVICE ON MY STAFF

#### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 29, 2022*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition and appreciation of Lieutenant Commander Marley Cassels, U.S. Navy, upon her completion of the Department of Defense Legislative Fellowship program. Assigned to my office for the 2022 calendar year, Lieutenant Commander Cassels quickly became an integral part of my legislative staff.

Lieutenant Commander Cassels' background as a U.S. Navy Surface Warfare Officer directly informed my work as Chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness during a challenging time framed by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and China's continued aggression on the world stage. Working closely with both my personal office and the Readiness Subcommittee staffs on the military's most pressing readiness challenges, her professionalism, positivity, and expertise helped to advance numerous legislative priorities.

Throughout the course of the year, she prepared me for important House Armed Services Committee Hearings, worked with constituents on pressing concerns, and championed legislative priorities dealing with California's Third Congressional District, military readiness, and the maritime industry. The ultimate team-player, she always looked for ways to contribute. There is no doubt her efforts helped to secure a range of priorities within the House passed H.R. 7900, "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023". She made a lasting impact and will be deeply missed after an exceptional year of service.

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